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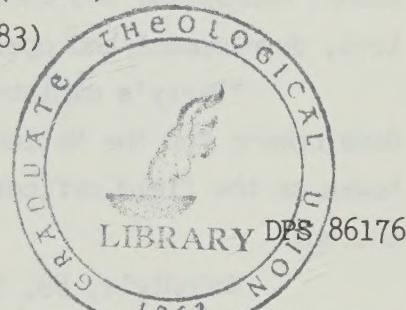
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MCGONIGLE, MENUEZACCEPT TOP POSTS

NEW YORK, (DPS, Aug. 21) -- Presiding Bishop Edmond L. Browning has named an Executive Council member and a veteran Church Center staffer to two senior executive positions -- positions created as he implements a restructuring announced this spring.

In a letter to the staff, Council members and bishops, Browning said he was naming George L. McGonigle as Senior Executive Officer and D. Barry Menuez as Senior Executive for Mission Operations. Both positions are new and both will be effective in September.

As senior executive officer, Browning said, McGonigle will "serve as my principal deputy for all Church Center activities and will have full authority to act for me in all matters not requiring my personal pastoral and sacramental ministry as Presiding Bishop." Reporting to him will be Menuez as senior executive for mission operations, an executive for mission support/treasurer and an executive for mission planning. The existing units or departments of the staff will report to one of these three "cluster" executives.

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Browning said in the same letter that the existing units of Communication, Education, National Mission, World Mission, Women's Ministries and Stewardship would report to Menuez as operations senior executive. Administrative, financial and other support functions would report to the mission support executive/treasurer. The executive for mission planning will head a new unit, the structure of which awaits the report of the Mission Planning Group established by Executive Council.

Commenting on the appointments, Browning said "While serving in his fourth year as a member of the Executive Council, George has also been serving as a consultant to my Office for staff and organizational issues. He resigns as an executive of a regional investment banking firm in Texas to accept this appointment. His prior employment includes serving as Provost of the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, and over 30 years with a major energy company, serving in a variety of professional managerial and executive positions involved with corporate services, development and operations.

"Barry's ministry in areas of education, training and program development for the National Church has its beginning in 1965, when he began as the field officer for the Joint Urban Program of the national church."

McGonigle, 59, is a native of Texas and a graduate of the University of Texas. In addition to his long career in business, he has been active in civic and community development affairs, diocesan activities and a deputy to General Convention since 1976. He has also studied at Columbia University and been a visiting fellow at ETS-SW.

An 21-year veteran of the Church Center staff, Menuez has been Executive for Education for Mission and Ministry since July 1983. Prior to that time, Menuez was serving as the field officer for the Council for the Development of Ministry and deputy to then Executive Bishop Elliott Sorge.

Menuez, 53 and a native of Ohio, holds degrees from Kenyon College and the University of Chicago Divinity School. After service as an Air Force security officer, he was a project organizer for five years with the Industrial Areas Foundation, a private Chicago institution created by Saul Alinsky to assist communities in achieving social change. He has also served here as assistant director of the General Convention Special Program and lay ministries coordinator.

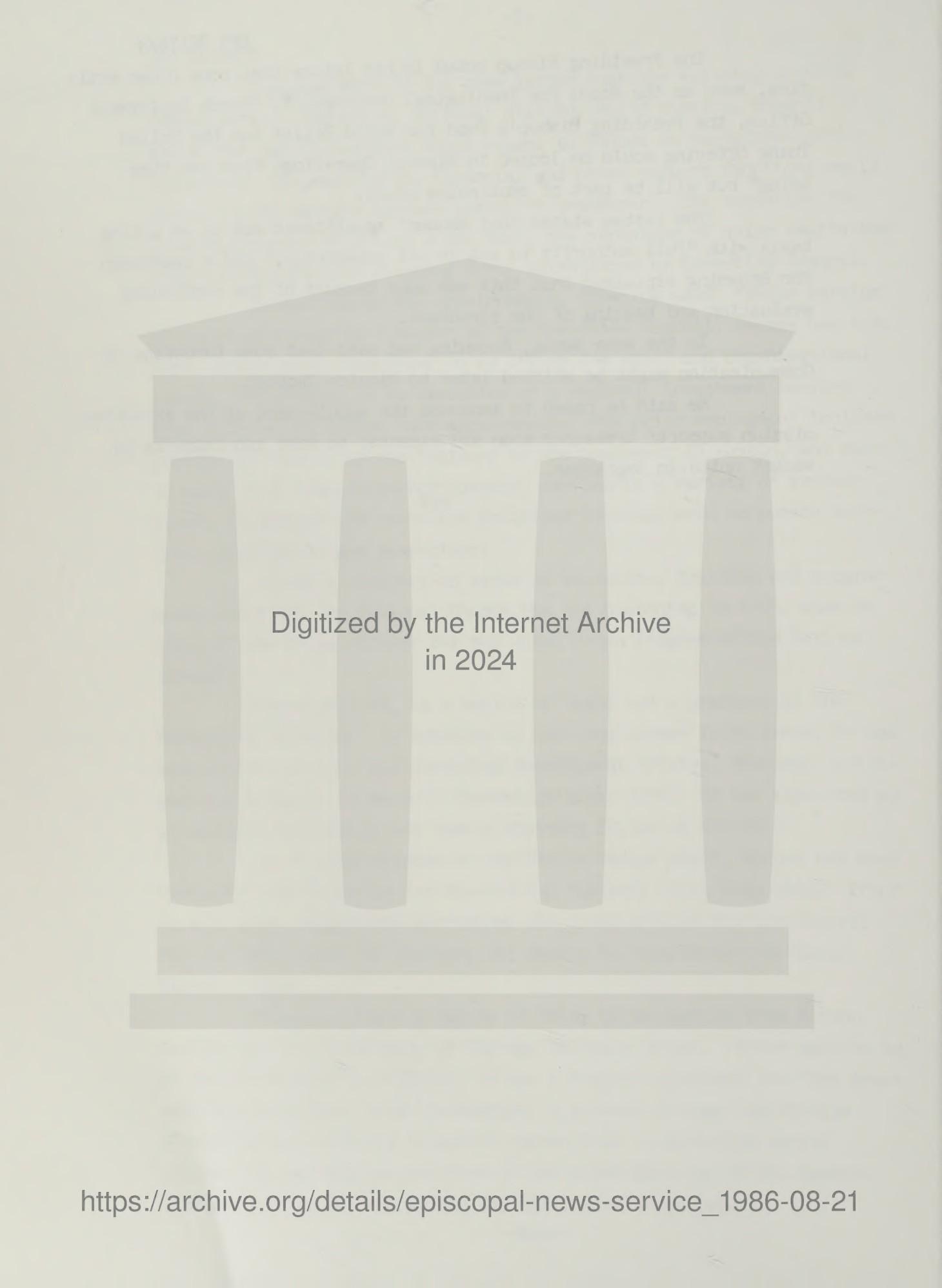
The Presiding Bishop noted in his letter that some other entities, such as the Board for Theological Development, Church Deployment Office, the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief and the United Thank Offering would be lodged in Mission Operations "for the time being" but will be part of continuing study.

The letter stated that Menuez' appointment was on an acting basis with "full authority to act in all capacities," and a spokesman for Browning explained that this was done because of the continuing evaluation and testing of the structure.

In the same sense, Browning had said that some functions of Communication might be shifted later to Mission Support.

He said he hoped to announce the appointment of the executive mission support/ treasurer soon and expected to make appointments to vacant units in September.

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WATKINS AND KELLY GET

WORLD MISSION POSTS

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NEW YORK (DPS, Aug. 21) -- Presiding Bishop Edmond L. Browning recently made two appointments in the World Mission unit at the Episcopal Church Center, here: Jane Magruder Watkins is the new director of the Overseas Development Office and Sonia Kelly is associate for overseas leadership training.

Watkins, who has served as acting director of the Overseas Development Office for the past year, is described by Browning as bringing "a wide variety of skills, including ten years experience in inter-cultural management training around the globe and over 20 years working with non-profit organizations as an organization development specialist." She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Hawaii, Honolulu, and master's degrees from the University of Mississippi, Oxford, and American University/NTL Institute.

Watkins' responsibilities include program management for the overseas development work of the Episcopal Church, with primary emphasis on organization development, leadership and management training in order to further indigenous development capabilities, work which utilizes human resource development skills and extensive cross-cultural training. Other responsibilities include writing grant proposals, coordinating staff officers and overall planning for the Episcopal Church's development assistance and development education.

Kelly, a New Yorker and life-long Episcopalian, recently spent five years with Operation Crossroads Africa. A graduate of Sarah Lawrence College, she holds graduate degrees in education and public administration from Columbia University and Bernard M. Baruch College.

According to Judith M. Gillespie, acting executive for World Mission, Kelly's experience with Operation Crossroads Africa "has prepared her particularly well for the demands of this important position, which, in addition to overseeing the program of international leadership training, is also responsible for ensuring proper orientation and training of Episcopal Church missionaries and volunteers for mission." Kelly will be working directly with the Rev. J. Patrick Mauney, coordinator of overseas ministries at the Episcopal Church Center, as well as with other colleagues here and abroad.

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HOLLYWOOD RALLIES TO
HELP LOCAL HOMELESS

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by Ruth Nicastro
Diocese of Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (DPS, Aug. 21) -- Hollywood, once the glamour capital of the film industry, today has one of the highest concentrations of "street people" in the country. Even conservatives number in the thousands those who sleep regularly in its doorways, alleys, church courtyards and behind the oleander bushes which line its sidewalks.

Thanks to the dogged efforts of a coalition of religious and social agencies, some of these people soon may be sleeping in one of Hollywood's oldest and most famous hotels.

CHIP-IN -- the name stands for Community of Hollywood Investing in People in Need -- has decided to purchase the Stage Inn on Vine Street, three blocks off Hollywood Boulevard, to open a shelter for the homeless.

In its heyday, back in the silent film era, the hotel listed Buster Keaton, Mae Murray and other stars among its guests. As recently as two years ago, it housed many of the foreign press corps during the Olympics, but it has been vacant since.

CHIP-IN leaders think the hotel's 30 rooms could and should provide temporary housing for 50 at a time of Hollywood's homeless, who simultaneously would be given a hand up the ladder of rehabilitation.

There has been strong opposition to this venture from the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, whose president Bill Welsh has said that creation of a shelter so near the heart of the community was not in keeping with the Chamber's efforts to refurbish and upgrade "the Boulevard" to something of its past glory.

Nevertheless, CHIP-In has persisted for nearly a year, mobilizing support and raising money. Now having entered into escrow on the property, they are planning to open the shelter this fall.

More than 40 churches, synagogues and social agencies are involved in CHIP-IN, the largest humanitarian coalition in the city's history. These include three Episcopal churches, St. Stephen's, St. Thomas and Trinity, which are directly involved, as well as several others which are members of Caring Hands/St. James Jubilee Center, which

has been an active participant from the beginning; Blessed Sacrament

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Catholic Church; Hollywood Temple Beth El; First United Methodist Church; Hollywood Presbyterian Church; Volunteers of America; Salvation Army; Hollywood Coordinating Council; in addition to a number of concerned Hollywood citizens.

Among the latter is actor Brian Moore, who is credited with the idea of creating the shelter as a cooperative effort to go beyond the group's food and clothing programs, counseling efforts and general rehabilitation work.

Temple Beth El Rabbi Gilbert Kollin is CHIP-IN president. St. Stephen's secretary Rachel Elston is also CHIP-In secretary. Canon Noble Owings was the consortium's founding treasurer, a post he retains although he retired as rector of St. Thomas earlier this year.

For the past several years, a free evening meal has been provided five nights a week. From caring for the hungry, the group has widened its concern to deal with the homeless and the ill also, and to assist in reuniting separated families.

This meal program alone has met with its share of trouble from the Hollywood Chamber. Welsh has tried to get the waiting line to be formed behind the building instead of on the street. "This should not be the first thing a visitor sees when coming off the Hollywood Freeway," he recently told a reporter. The Salvation Army counters that crowd control is better on the sidewalk.

According to Barbara Nicol, an Episcopal laywoman serving as a Jesuit volunteer at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, CHIP-IN is an umbrella organization through which churches already serving the hungry and homeless could together tackle larger problems. Each agency concentrates its individual efforts on what it does best.

Founding of the shelter is a major part of an overall plan to help homeless persons back to some measure of self-sufficiency and life in the "real world," says Nicol. An average stay at the shelter would be two to four weeks, she explained. During that time clients would receive concentrated help "to get their lives back in order" -- job counseling, medical care if needed, psychological assistance and referrals, for instance.

It is also part of the plan to designate some rooms in the shelter for homeless families. Some of CHIP-IN's member organizations are raising money to "endow beds" for this purpose.

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HOME REMAINS HOME

THANKS TO GRANTS

by Mary Lee Simpson
Diocese of Southwestern Virginia

TRAMMEL, Va. (DPS, Aug. 21) -- A \$10,000 grant from the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief has helped bring new life to residents of this small coal-mining camp along Virginia Highway 63 in Appalachia's Dickenson County.

The grant enabled 24 families, banded together as the Trammel Homeowners' Association, to bid successfully on the houses they had been renting and living in for generations.

The town literally was put on the auction block to settle the estate of a wealthy Virginia landowner, who had bought the camp nearly 60 years ago from Banner Coal Company. Included in the sale were about 90 houses, most with no running water and none with a septic system, but home to the families, many of whom live on meager incomes from part-time jobs, black-lung benefits or welfare.

"This is the most significant victory a bunch of poor and working people in southwestern Virginia have experienced in at least 40 years," said Linda Johnson, director of nearby Grace House, an Episcopal Church-sponsored educational and training center. "Not since the United Mine Workers of America organized here in the mid-1940s have people of Dickenson County been able to organize in such a manner."

When residents received less than a month's notice they were being evicted and their homes were being auctioned off, they turned to three local ministries for help, including Grace House. In about three weeks, they organized the Homeowners' Association and raised or received commitments of \$60,000. They earned the money with bake sales, car washes, a gospel sing, yard sales and telephone and door-to-door solicitations. Gifts came from individuals and from groups, including Episcopal congregations in the Dioceses of Upper South Carolina, Virginia and Newark and their own Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. Other denominations, including Roman Catholics, Presbyterians, Methodists and Lutherans, made substantial contributions.

"I truly believe we witnessed a miracle on auction day," said Johnson.

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The Rev. R.B. Lloyd, director of the Episcopal Church's Appalachian People's Service Organization, (APSO) described the day: "At first there was a great deal of tension and anxiety, yet of hope. When the Trammel Homeowners' Association failed to get the bid on the first three houses (shared by a four-generation family), it was like a wet blanket had been thrown on the whole scene."

"People got physically ill when they saw that family lose those homes," added Johnson. "They became pale and clammy and shaky, and some got sick to their stomachs.

"In a way, though, it was good because it shook us up, let us know what we were up against and forced us to change our strategy."

Instead of a family member bidding on the home he had lived in for years -- an intimidating and frightening and emotionally wrenching experience -- two representatives of the association handled the bidding, coached by the family and supported by friends.

The strategy worked. "There would be a great cheer after each successful bid," said Lloyd. "Spirits lifted, and you could see the climate changing. At the end, there were tears and smiles and the people were absolutely beside themselves with joy.

By the end of the day, the association had purchased 25 houses for \$63,000. The group also had an offer to buy the first three houses it had lost in the bidding.

Lloyd described the auction as a "tremendous victory" for the people. "The town people have changed from people living in houses to a community in which families are doing things together and helping one another," he said.

Now that the auction is over, Trammel residents want to rehabilitate their homes and install a sewer system. They want to build a community center that also can be used as a church.

"I consider this an opportunity to open our hearts, our minds and our eyes -- and then to act in ways which are enabling for poor people to have some control over the decisions that affect their lives," said Johnson.

Persons wishing to contribute to the efforts of Trammel residents may send their tax-deductible checks to Grace House, Rte. 1, Box 232, St. Paul, VA 24283.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH TO CELEBRATE
RUSSIAN ORTHODOXY'S MILLENIUM

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NEW YORK, (DPS, Aug. 21) — 1988 will mark the millennial anniversary of the introduction of Christianity in Russia, and Episcopal Church plans are underway to share in that celebration and opportunity.

Anticipating the historic commemoration, the General Convention asked the Church Center education staff to produce material on the "culture, politics, values, history and religions of the Soviet peoples with special emphasis" on the anniversary. In response, two staff officers have been assigned to the task, two conferences are planned this year and at least one diocese has taken up the call enthusiastically.

Dr. John D. Vogelsang, field officer for education and training, and the Rev. Charles A. Cesaretti, Browning's deputy for Anglican affairs, Canon Charles Perry of the National Cathedral and about ten other Episcopalian will be guests of the Russian Orthodox Church in October to gather material and coordinate plans.

In addition, two three-day conferences are planned to introduce diocesan coordinators to Russian Orthodoxy, the cultures and challenges and to explore regional activities. A four-session study guide and an annotated bibliography will be produced. The west coast conference will be at St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle on Nov. 13-15, and the eastern gathering will be Dec. 4-6 in Washington.

Maine Bishop Edward C. Chalfant, responding to Browning's call, asked retired diplomat Barret Parker to coordinate a diocesan-wide program of education and response and offered to share the fruits of this with the Church Center and other dioceses.

Vogelsang is serving as contact at the Center, and all inquiries should be directed to him at 815 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

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(EDs: Bishop Browning's Direction Statement is attached.)

DIRECTION STATEMENT

In 1988, the Russian Orthodox Church will celebrate 1,000 years of Christianity in the Russia. This is a unique opportunity for the Episcopal Church to join other churches in helping to strengthen the Church's witness in Russia.

The Episcopal Church first established contacts with the Russian Orthodox Church in the nineteenth century, when our people moved west and met Orthodox people who moved south from Alaska. Our relations have continued to be strong through the secular, ideological and political changes and conflicts of the past century. Competition between East and West will be around for a long time to come, but it will not stand in the way of the unity of the baptized in the Body of Christ. Rather, our unity in Christ will contribute to the renewal of human community through mutual respect, to a slowing of the arms race and to peace and justice in the world.

I hope, as we move toward 1988, that Episcopalians will become more knowledgeable about the Soviet Union and the great contribution of the Christian Church in Russia. Many are already travelling there to learn firsthand about the Soviet people and cultures and about their churches. The 1985 General Convention, looking forward to the Millennial Celebration of the Russian Church, urged the Episcopal Church to engage in a study of Christianity in Russia. Many parishes will organize study groups about the churches and the values and history of the Union of Soviet Socialists Republics. I recommend these efforts to the whole church.

We have never hesitated to criticize what we view as wrong or immoral in the Soviet Union and in other nations, including our own. We should always be ready to learn, understand and support our Christian brothers and sisters in the Soviet Union. Most important of all, we must pray for the Russian Orthodox Church and other churches in the Soviet Union, for in this way each of us will express our unity through our common baptism in the Name of the Lord Jesus, which makes us citizens of the same kingdom.

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WAITE RENEWS CALL FOR
LEBANON HOSTAGE DIALOGUE

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NEW YORK (DPS, Aug. 21) -- On his way back to London, Terry Waite, special envoy to the Archbishop of Canterbury, met with the press at the Episcopal Church Center, here, to reiterate --"so that there can be no possible doubt in the minds of anyone -- either here in the U.S.A. or in the Arab world" -- that his motives in seeking release of hostages in Lebanon are humanitarian and religious.

Waite, who had accompanied recently released hostage Father Lawrence Jenco to Rome and Canterbury (Eds.: see DPS 86165), also indicated in his statement that he has received a letter from the Pope authorizing him "to make known certain of his feelings to the captors." He stressed the "very close accord in this whole matter between the Roman Catholics, the Anglican/Episcopal Church, the Presbyterian Church, and others" and added that "Hostage taking is often a cry from people who feel that they have no other voice. I would like the captors to know that we in the Church hear that cry. We believe that it is wrong to make the innocent suffer, but we recognize that many innocent people -- Christian, Islamic and Jewish -- suffer in the Lebanon and other parts of the Middle East today."

Welcoming the release of Jenco as "a compassionate act in the great tradition of Islam," Waite appealed to the captors to continue to allow the Christian Church to participate in the search for a solution to the situation in the Middle East. His statement concluded, "Some years ago, when I had discussions with Islamic leaders about Christian-Islamic cooperation, we mentioned three attributes of God on which both Christians and Muslims could agree: compassion, justice and mercy. It is on that basis that I ask the captors, once again, to meet with me and let us find a solution with honour and dignity."

Following the statement, Waite answered questions from the press. In response to queries on his call for talks, he said that it is difficult to communicate with the captors through the media, and "What really I'm appealing for is resumption of dialogue." He added that while he was not then planning another trip to the Lebanon, that he stood ready to leave at any moment. He also indicated that although his primary concern has been, due to circumstances, the American hostages, he would like to be able to move on other hostages as well.

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SEVER RELATIONSHIP

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DALLAS (DPS, Aug. 21) -- Following intensive discussions, the Rt. Rev. Donis D. Patterson, acting with advice and consent of the Standing Committee, has dissolved the relationship between the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas and the Church of the Holy Communion, here.

The action, effective Aug. 1, makes the congregation an independent church with no organizational or canonical relationship with the diocese or the Episcopal Church in the United States. Under terms of the agreement, the parish will retain the name "Church of the Holy Communion of Frankford, Episcopal" and its 4.87 acres of land and property.

The separation was the result of the parish's refusal to adopt the 1979 Book of Common Prayer as the standard for corporate worship. Patterson had requested all 64 parish and mission congregations in the Diocese of Dallas to conform to Prayer Book usage by Jan. 1, 1986. He further sought conformity from the Church of the Holy Communion in a directive dated Ash Wednesday, Feb. 12. Vestry and the remainder of the congregation refused to comply, and the Rev. Duane Beauchamp, rector, resigned.

By local canon, property is owned by the corporation of the Episcopal Diocese of Dallas. Its members and the Standing Committee agreed with Chancellor Paul W. Eggers that filing a legal suit to retain the property was not the appropriate solution to the conflict. A diocesan spokesman noted that fewer than one-quarter of the congregation's 200 members still worship there, and the church's geographic isolation makes it unlikely that a viable diocesan congregation could be raised up there.

Patterson accepted the Church's decision to function as an independent congregation with deep regret. "We have agonized with members of the Vestry and representatives of the parish," he said, "After long and attentive discussion, we have arrived at a solution which seems best for all concerned." Patterson said conversation between the parish and the diocese had been characterized by charity and forbearance. "We have agreed to resolve our differences as constructively as possible," he said.

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LUTHERANS HONOR

THREE PRIMATES

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MILWAUKEE (DPS, Aug. 21) -- The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. and Rt. Hon. A. K. Runcie, will be an honored guest and ecumenical speaker at the Lutheran Church in America General Convention here Aug. 25 and 26. This will be the first time that an Archbishop of Canterbury has participated in a convention of an American Church other than the Episcopal Church.

The Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, the Most Rev. Edmond L. Browning, will join the Archbishop as an honored guest at the convention. Former Presiding Bishop John M. Allin will also be a special guest, in recognition of his role leading to the 1982 agreement among the Episcopal Church and three Lutheran Churches (American Lutheran Church, Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches, Lutheran Church in America).

The three Lutheran Churches are meeting in convention in separate cities this month, and each will vote on whether to enter the proposed new Evangelical Lutheran Church next year. Browning has sent a special letter of greeting to each of the three conventions.

The Presiding Bishop will introduce Runcie to the Lutheran Church in America convention at the opening Eucharist on Monday, Aug. 25. Both bishops will process and participate fully in the Eucharist.

The Lutheran-Episcopal agreement established a new relationship of "Interim sharing of the Eucharist" which allows the Lutheran Churches to extend a "special welcome" to Episcopalians to receive the Holy Communion. The agreement provides that "this welcome constitutes a mutual recognition of eucharistic teaching sufficient for interim sharing of the Eucharist, although this does not intend to signify that final recognition of each other's Eucharists and ministries has yet been achieved." Members of each Church are left to make their own decision about whether to accept the invitation from the other.

The Archbishop will speak as part of an evening devoted to ecumenical relations of the Lutheran Church in America.

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CHURCH NEWS BRIEFS

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NEW YORK (DPS, Aug. 21) -- Two of the oldest theological institutions in the Anglican Communion have recently inaugurated a mutual visitation program, so that faculty and students of Codrington College, Barbados (1745) and the General Theological Seminary (1817) may get to know each other, their different churches, institutions and cultures. The first group from Codrington visited General in April, and a group from General will visit Codrington in January during Christmas break.

TOKYO (DPS, Aug. 21) -- The 39th General Synod of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (Anglican-Episcopal Church in Japan) has elected the Rt. Rev. Christopher Ichiro Kikawada to be its 13th Primate. Kikawada is the Bishop of the Diocese of Osaka and will carry out the duties of Primate in addition to his diocesan responsibilities. A service of installation as Primate was held at St. Michael's Cathedral Church in Kobe at the conclusion of the General Synod. The former Primate, the Rt. Rev. John Masanao Watanabe, handed over the Primate's Staff as a symbol of the transfer of authority. Watanabe will continue as the Bishop of the Diocese of Hokkaido. The new Primate was born in Sendai, Japan, in 1925, and is a graduate of Tokyo University and the Central Theological College, Tokyo. He was ordained priest in 1961 in the Diocese of Osaka and served his entire ministry in that diocese before being consecrated Bishop of Osaka in 1975. He was married in 1960 to Estelle Yoko, and they have two daughters and one son. At the same Synod, the Rev. Timothy Hiromichi Kohno was re-elected as General Secretary of the Provincial Office of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai here.

NEW YORK (DPS, Aug. 21) -- An oral memoir of the Rt. Rev. John Elbridge Hines, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church from 1965-74, has been donated to the University of the South Library by the Board of Directors of the Episcopal Church Foundation; Hines is a graduate of the University of the South. Another set was sent to the Church Archives in Austin, Texas. A third set is retained by Columbia University, through whose Oral History Department the interviews with Hines

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were contracted under a Foundation grant. These presentations are part of an overall commitment made by the Foundation's Board of Directors two years ago to provide oral histories of the church's Presiding Bishops. Last year, the oral history of Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill, founder of the Foundation, was completed, based on posthumous interviews with his family and friends. The history of Bishop Arthur Lichtenberger is in progress, and the Foundation expects soon to begin interviews with Bishop John Maury Allin. The directors believe these histories will provide a valuable resource to church historians.

SEWANEE, Tenn. (DPS, Aug. 21) -- William U. Whipple, vice-president for development at the University of the South, has announced his retirement after twelve years of heading Sewanee's development program, which includes church relations, alumni relations, public relations and fund-raising. During his tenure, the University launched a \$50 million capital funds campaign, called the Century II Fund, which exceeded its goal. Partly as a result of the campaign, University endowment increased from \$25 million to \$75 million between 1980 and 1985. Under plans still being discussed, Whipple will continue to represent the University on a part-time basis. Prior to moving to Sewanee in 1974, Whipple spent more than 20 years serving as stewardship consultant to Episcopal parishes, dioceses and church-related institutions.

CHICAGO (DPS, Aug. 21) -- The Evangelical and Catholic Mission, headquartered here, is sponsoring a congress on "The Given Gospel," to be held at St. Thomas' Church, Medina, Wash., Oct. 24-25. Speakers and topics include the Rt. Rev. C. FitzSimons Allison, bishop of South Carolina, on The Uniqueness of the Gospel; the Rev. Roger T. Beckwith, warden of Latimer House, Oxford, on The Power of the Gospel; the Rev. Philip Edgcumbe Hughes, professor emeritus of Trinity School for Ministry, on The Logic of the Gospel; and the Rev. Dr. Sudduth Rae Cummings, rector, St. Mark's, San Antonio, on The Imperative of the Gospel. Information on schedule, housing, costs, etc. for the congress, which will be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the National Council of the Evangelical and Catholic Mission Oct. 23-24, may

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be obtained by writing: ECM Congress, P. O. Box 124, Medina, WA 98039. The Evangelical and Catholic Mission defines itself as "a nationwide fellowship of clergy and laity within the Episcopal Church affirming the Faith which is grounded in the authority of Holy Scripture and adhering to the faith and practice of the ancient, undivided Apostolic Church." The Rt. Rev. William L. Stevens, bishop of Fond du Lac, is its president.

KABARE, Kenya (DPS, Aug. 21) -- The Synod of the Diocese of Mt. Kenya East, headquartered here, has resolved that suitably qualified women may be made deacons, subject to the approval of the Provincial Synod. The decision was made during the Sixth Ordinary Session of the Synod at St. Andrew's Church, here. It was the fourth time the Synod had debated the motion, and, although the majority of the clergy voted against the motion, the laity overwhelmingly supported it. The diocese has 11 theologically-trained women, and five are already deaconesses. If the diocese does ordain women to the diaconate, it will be the second diocese in the Province of Kenya to do so. The Diocese of Maseno South has ordained two women to date.

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